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2. REFTELS PRESENT CONFLICTING INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE ARGENTINE INVOLVEMENT IN COUP PLOTTING BY THE BOLIVIAN MILITARY AND RIGHT-WING CIVILIAN GROUPS. COMMENTS BY EMBASSIES BUGNOS AIRES AND LA PAZ WOULD BE APPRECIATED. IS THERE REASON TO BELIEVE THE ARGENTINE ARMY IS NOW PROVIDING SUPPORT TO SOME BOLIVIAN ARMY OFFICERS OR CIVILIAN GROUPS? IF SO, IS THIS BEING DONE WITH THE GROUPS?

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